TL 1180 e

COUNCIL OF EUROPE
COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

DECLARATION

ON EAST TIMOR

(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 26 November 1991 at its 89th Session)

The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, meeting in Strasbourg on 26 November 1991, adopted the following declaration:

1. In accordance with their shared concern for human rights, the Ministers strongly condemned the massacre that the Indonesian armed forces recently committed in East Timor of unarmed civilians, killing and wounding a large number of them.

2. They demand that the Government of Indonesia put an immediate end to violations of basic human rights by its police and armed forces against the population of East Timor, and that an impartial enquiry into these events, under international supervision, be carried out.

3. The Ministers reaffirmed their support for a just, comprehensive and internationally acceptable settlement of the issue, respecting the principles of the United Nations' Charter, also taking into account the need to defend human rights and fundamental freedoms, and the full respect of the legitimate interests and aspirations of the population of this territory.